

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 2-5 and 15-17 and AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for displaying a plurality of linked items of content in a virtual space in accordance with field-of-view data, said information processing apparatus comprising:

a first capturing unit for capturing link description data which contains a location of an item of content and an identification of the item, and contains a location of an attention point designed to draw attention to the user;

a determining unit to display the item of content when a distance between the location of the item and the location of the attention point is within a predetermined range, and a distance between the location of the attention point and the location of a view point in the current field-of-view coordinate system is within a predetermined range;

a second capturing unit for capturing content data associated with the identification ~~description of an~~ the item determined by the determining unit; and ~~of content contained in said captured link description data;~~

an image generating unit for generating an image of said item of content to be disposed in said virtual space, in accordance with said captured content data; ~~and a determining unit for determining further data to be captured next in accordance with a condition contained in said captured link description data.~~

Claims 2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said captured link description data contains dispositions of a plurality of items of content and contains as said condition a priority order of capturing said plurality of sets of content data.

7. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said captured link description data contains as said condition a reference position for preferentially capturing a closer item of content.

8. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said captured link description data contains the descriptions of links to a plurality of items of content with different sizes.

9. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second capturing unit determines a necessary resolution in accordance with the geometric relationship between the current viewpoint and the item of content and captures said content data at said resolution.

10. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determining unit determines priorities for capturing a plurality of sets of content data in accordance with said condition.

11. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the geometric relationship between the current viewpoint and said item of content satisfies said condition, said image generating unit generates an image of said item of content.

12. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when a group of items of content has a priority order, said image generating unit generates an image of a last captured item of content among said plurality of items of content.

13. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first and second capturing units capture data over a network.

14. (Currently Amended) A program ~~product~~ stored on a computer-readable storage medium for use in an information processing apparatus and for displaying a plurality of linked items of content in a virtual space in accordance with field-of-view data, said program ~~product~~ being operable to effect the steps of, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a process comprising:

capturing link description data which contains a location of an item of content and an identification of the item, and contains a location of an attention point designed to draw attention

to the user;

determining to display the item of content when a distance between the location of the item and the location of the attention point is within a predetermined range, and a distance between the location of the attention point and a location of a view point in the current field-of-view coordinate system is within a predetermined range;

capturing content data associated with the identification description of the an-item determined by said determining; and ~~of content contained in said captured link description data;~~

generating an image of said item of content to be disposed in said virtual space, in accordance with said captured content data; and ~~determining further data to be captured next in accordance with a condition contained in said captured link description data.~~

Claims 15-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) The program product according to claim 14, wherein said captured link description data contains dispositions of a plurality of items of content and contains as said condition a priority order of capturing said plurality of sets of content data.

19. (Original) The program product according to claim 14, wherein said captured link description data contains as said condition a reference position for preferentially capturing a closer item of content.

20. (Currently Amended) The program product according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of said~~ capturing content data comprises determining a necessary resolution in accordance with the geometric relationship between the current viewpoint and the item of content and captures said content data at said resolution.

21. (Currently Amended) The program product according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of said~~ determining comprises determining priorities for capturing a plurality of sets of content data in accordance with said condition.

22. (Currently Amended) The program product according to claim 14, wherein, ~~the step of said~~ generating an image comprises generating an image of said item of content, when the geometric relationship between the current viewpoint and said item of content satisfies said condition.

23. (Currently Amended) The program product according to claim 14, wherein, ~~the step of said~~ generating an image comprises generating an image of a last captured item of content among a plurality of items of content, when said group of items of content has a priority order.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a plurality of linked items of content in a virtual space in accordance with field-of-view data, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

capturing link description data which contains a location of an item of content and an identification of the item, and contains a location of an attention point designed to draw attention of the user;

determining to display the item of content when, a distance between the location of the item and the location of the attention point is within a predetermined range, and a distance between the location of the attention point and a location of a view point in the current field-of-view coordinate system is within a predetermined range;

capturing content data associated with the ~~description-identification of an~~ item determined by said determining; ~~and of content contained in said captured link description data;~~

generating an image of said item of content to be disposed in said virtual space, in accordance with said captured content data; ~~and determining further data to be captured next in accordance with a condition contained in said captured link description data.~~